GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri A. Purushotham, Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer, KVB Puram (Mandal), Chittoor District and now retired from service – Disciplinary Action initiated – Provisional decision – Show Cause notice – Explanation called for – Explanation not submitted – imposition of punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of one year – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.589. Dated: 19.05.2014.

Read the following:-

- 1. Govt., Memo.No.39127/Vig.VI (2)/2005, dated: 23.08.2005.
- 2. Collector, Chittoor Lr.Roc.A5/2228/04, dated: 12.10.2005.
- 3. RDO, Tirupathi Lr.No.H/2243/2007, dated: .07.2010.
- 4. Collector, Chittoor District, Lr.Roc.No.A7/2228/04, dated: 21.12.2010.
- 5. C.C.L.A., Hyderabad Lr.No.VS.III(2)/710/05, dated: 10.01.2011.
- 6. Govt. Memo.No.39127/Vig.VI (2)/2005-5, dated: 05.12.2011.
- 7. Govt. Memo.No.39127/Vig.VI (2)/2005-6, 7, dated: 07.04.2012 & 21.07.2012.
- 8. Representation of Sri A.Purushotham, Retd., D.T., dated: 09.06.2012.
- 9. From the Collector, Chittoor District, Lr.Roc.No.A1/2228/04, dated: 12.09.2012.
- 10. Govt., Memo.No.39127/Vig.VI (2)/2005-8, dated: 22.05.2013.
- 11. Collector, Chittoor Roc A1/2228/2004, dated: 12.11.2013.
- 12. Govt. Lr.No.39127/Vig.VI (2)/2005-9, dated: 31.12.2013.
- 13. Secretary, APPSC Lr.No.228/RT/3/2014, dated: 30.01.2014.
- 14. Govt. Lr.No.39127/Vig.VI (2)/2005-10, dated: 11.02.2014.
- 15. Secretary, APPSC Lr.No.228/RT/3/2014, dated: 02.04.2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the District Collector, Chittoor District has framed the following charges against Sri A. Purushotham, formerly Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer, KVB Puram (M), Chittoor District now retired from service and called for his explanation:

"That Sri. Atla Purushotham, 52 years, while working as Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer, in the Office of the Mandal Revenue Officer, KVB Puram committed grave misconduct in as much as on 29.03.2004 by signing in the Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deeds belongs to Smt. Cherivi Chengamma W/o Alluraiah and Smt. K. Lakshmamma, W/o. Venkataiah of Venkatapuram @ Gurukulakandriga Village, KVB Puram Mandal, with ante-dates. During the course of trap proceedings on 29.03.2004, the Anti Corruption Bureau Officials went to the house of Sri Sajja Mallikarjunam, Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Mandal Revenue Officer, KVB Puram Mandal at Srikalahasti along with mediators and Smt. Cherivi Chengamma and Smt. Kondeti Lakshmamma. Sri Sejja Mallikarjunam, Mandal Revenue Inspector, further demanded and accepted illegal gratification of Rs.1000/- and Rs.1500/- respectively from them. After acceptance of bribe, Sri Sajja Mallikarjunam requested Sri Atla Purushotham, who was at his residence to sign him in the two Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deeds with ante dates and accordingly Sri A.Purushotham signed on two Pattadar Pass Books / Title Deeds with ante date as 19.02.2004 and the said books were seized by the Anti Corruption Bureau Officials.

Thus, Sri Atla Purushotham, Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer, by his above acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of a Member of Service and thereby contravened the Rule 3 (1) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964."

- 2. Not satisfied with the written statement of defense submitted by the Charged Officer, the Collector, Chittoor District has appointed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupati as Enquiry Officer to conduct regular enquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer.
- 3. In the reference 5th read above, the Special Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabd has forwarded the report of the Collector,

Chittoor District along with enquiry report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupati to Government for taking further action in the matter under Rule-9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as the charged officer retired from service on 31.01.2010. The Enquiry Officer has held that the charge proved against the Charged Officer.

- 4. In the reference 6th read above, Government after careful examination of enquiry report, have issued show cause notice to Sri A. Purushotham, former Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer, KVB Puram (Retired) duly enclosing a copy of enquiry report, with a direction to show cause as to why the punishment of 10% (ten percent) cut in pension for a period of one year should not be imposed on him for the charge proved against him within (15) days from the date of receipt of this memo.
- 5. The Charged Officer received the Show Cause Notice and he has not filed any representation even though, the stipulated time expired.
- 6. In the reference 12th read above, Government after detailed examination of the enquiry report have addressed the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission to obtain the concurrence of the Commission on the proposal of the Government i.e., to impose a penalty of 10 % cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri A.Purushotham, Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer (Retired) as the charge held proved.
- 7. In the reference 15th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has stated that after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, Commission opined that "this is a clear case of corruption, for doing official favour for monetary consideration", therefore, Commission advise the Government to impose the punishment of 25 % cut in pension permanently against Sri A.Purushotham, Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer (Retired) (copy enclosed).
- 8. Government after detailed examination of the matter have decided and hereby order to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri A.Purushotham, Deputy Mandal Revenue Officer (Retired).
- 9. The Special Chief Secretary and Chief Commissioner of Land Administration / District Collector, Chittoor District shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly under intimation to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P.SINGH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Special Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad. The District Collector, Chittoor District.
The Individual (w.e)
(through District Collector, Chittoor District)

Copy to:

The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER